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For: METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF HDL CHOLESTEROL BY MEANS OF A RAPID DIAGNOSTIC AGENT WITH AN INTEGRATED FRACTIONATING STEP

Examiner: R. J. Gitomer

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is a follow up to telephone discussions between Ralph Gitomer, the new Examiner of this application, and the undersigned.

Examiner Gitomer indicated that upon discussions with William Dixon, it was determined that this reissue application could be allowed if the undersigned, as representative of the patentees, submitted a reissue declaration which claimed priority of

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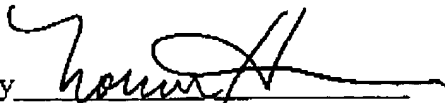
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the original German application, as well as all other applications in the priority claim. Such accompanies this Letter. Charges to reflect the fact that one person is signing the declaration have also been made.

Prompt allowance is requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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